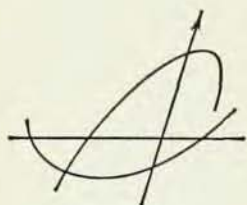


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honorary treasurer of the Parliamentary and Scientific Committee), and the fostering of cordial cooperation between societies in different scientific and technological fields which is now informally effective in both countries. Most recently he was involved in cooperative efforts with AIP and the Institution of Electrical Engineers toward improving the services of *Physics Abstracts*. It was on this subject that one of the undersigned had a most pleasant meeting with Lang in London just three weeks before his death. In the last month of his life there was also an exchange of letters on exhibitions of scientific instruments.

For all his endeavors Lang was perfectly equipped by his capacity for sustained and unflagging industry, his personal flair for sincere friendship and his wisdom in handling the interplay of personalities on which relations between organizations necessarily depend.

What the writers of this note and many other American physicists will never forget is the way in which "business" correspondence with Herbert Lang quickly warmed into personal friendship, later closely cemented during visits to London, when the hospitality offered by him at both office and home was unfailingly cordial and generous. Unfortunately we had only one opportunity to play hosts to Dr. Lang when, accompanied by Mrs. Lang who is also a physicist, he visited New York and other cities in the northeast. It had been hoped that there would soon be an occasion for another such trip.

To Mrs. Lang and the three Lang sons, two of whom have already visited us in America, the physicists of the United States extend sympathy and join in a sense of great loss.

—HENRY A. BARTON

—HUGH C. WOLFE

Duane E. Roller

A leading physics educator, Duane E. Roller, died of a heart ailment in Pomona Hospital, Calif., on 24 Dec. He was 71 years old.

Roller was born in Minerva, Ohio, and did his undergraduate and early

graduate work at the University of Oklahoma. He was awarded his PhD in experimental physics at California Institute of Technology in 1929. Roller began his teaching career as a physics instructor at Oklahoma in 1924. In 1937, the year after he was appointed full professor, he went to Hunter College in New York City. Seven years later he went to Wabash College in Crawfordsville, Ind.

In 1952 Roller became assistant director of research and development at Hughes Aircraft Co. He went to *Science* magazine as editor in 1953, and in 1955 he joined the senior staff of Thompson Ramo Wooldridge, Inc. He returned to teaching in 1957 as professor of physics at Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, Calif., and retired, as head of the department, in 1964.

Roller was a fellow of the American Physical Society and an active member of the American Association of Physics Teachers, serving as president in 1950 and as editor of the *American Journal of Physics* from 1933 to 1949. A prolific writer, he was the author or coauthor of more than 50 technical papers and eight books and monographs.

Alfred Chetham-Strode Jr.

The head of the transuranium research program at Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Alfred Chetham-Strode Jr., died of a stroke on 23 Dec. in Oak Ridge Hospital. He had been in a coma since the previous Monday.

Chetham-Strode was born in Dallas in 1928. He received his BS from Rice Institute in 1950 and his MS from the University of Idaho in 1953. He became interested in the transuranium elements while pursuing doctoral and postdoctoral studies at the University of California's Lawrence Radiation Laboratory, where he worked with Glenn T. Seaborg, now Atomic Energy Commission Chairman. Chetham-Strode received his PhD at California in 1956 and went to ORNL the same year. He was an American Physical Society member and the author of numerous articles on transuranium research. He was to have headed the new ORNL transuranium laboratory after its completion next summer.